TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH CASEY PATTERSON

Okay, today's date is Friday, May 21st, 2021. The time now is 11:25am. This is DIRECTOR FRED MAYS in the GBI OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. I'm speaking with SPECIAL AGENT CASEY PATTERSON. She is currently attending the GBI BASIC AGENT ACADEMY at the GEORGIA PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CETNER in Forsyth, Georgia. I contacted her at the GEORGIA PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER at telephone number 478-993-4601.

FM: AGENT PATTERSON, how long have you worked for the GBI?

CP: Um, I started with the GBI, uh, January 2nd of 2020 as an Analyst, and then September of 2020 I was promoted to Special Agent.

FM: Okay. You provided a statement up through the Chain of Command to our DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS CHRIS HOSEY on May 17th, 2021. Is there anything you want to change in reference to that statement, add, or delete?

CP: No, sir.

FM: Okay. Just briefly tell me what happened on that evening of May 12th, 2021.

CP: Uh, would you like me to start when class ended?

FM: Yeah, just, yeah. Just basically what you did that night.

CP: Okay. Uh, after class, I went back to the room and changed clothes. Uh, then I met up with SPECIAL AGENT HANNAH SHEARER and we drove together to the Fox City Brewery on the square in Forsyth, Georgia, and there we met SPECIAL AGENT BRAD JOBE and CHRIS PFROGNER. We had dinner for about an hour and a half. Um, I, myself, did not have anything to drink, and neither did HANNAH, who was driving. Um, after dinner, we walked back out to the parking lot and ran into several of our classmates, spoke with them briefly, then headed

on to the parking lot. Then we drove to GPSTC and I was in my room the rest of the evening; went to bed pretty early that night.

FM: Okay. When you met those other agents as ya'll were leaving, did any of them seem intoxicated?

CP: Um, maybe tipsy is the word that I would use to describe them. Um, but it definitely wasn't all of them. Because we, we ran into two agents who were sort of ahead of the group, um, and they were perfectly sober, in my opinion. Um, and then the second half of the group, that we ran into in the parking lot, maybe a little tipsy, yes.

FM: Okay. Do you know who, can you tell me what Agents looked, seemed to be tipsy?

CP: Which ones?

FM: Yeah, mm hmm.

CP: Um, MEG HIRSCH and QUAMERE ROOKS -

FM: Okay.

CP: - were the only ones that I really noticed acting a little different.

FM: Okay. Alright. And you said you and AGENT SHEARER did not have anything to drink at dinner?

CP: No, sir. She had sweet tea and I had water.

FM: Okay. Alright. Okay, is there anything else you want to say, AGENT PATTERSON, before I turn the tape recorder off?

CP: No, sir.

FM: Okay. The time now is 11:28am. I'm going to turn the tape recorder off.

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